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***"Paths to the Present: Montgomery County Stories,"
presents General J.E.B. Stuart's visit to Rockville.***

On June 28, 1863, Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart rode into Rockville at the head of 5,000 Confederate cavalry. They were on their way to meet General Robert E. Lee in Gettysburg. While here, they helped themselves to supplies, captured 150 Union supply wagons, arrested Union sympathizers, and caroused with the mostly pro-Confederate Rockville residents. Some speculate that Stuart's stopover and delay here may have affected the outcome of the battle of Gettysburg.

To bring these events to life, Peerless Rockville sponsored a weekend of Living History on June 14th and 15th. There were period presentations, as well as a chance to see Civil War-era dress, to listen to music typical of that time period, and to watch a baseball game -- as it would have been played in 1863. The culminating moment was a reenactment of some of the interactions between Rockville residents and General Stuart and his men. This episode of "Paths to Present" presents highlights of this fun and educational weekend.

"Paths to the Present: Montgomery County Stories" is an on-going series highlighting local county history and is jointly produced by the Montgomery County Council and the Montgomery County Historical Society. It can be seen on County Cable Montgomery (channel 6) beginning Sunday, July 6th and running through Saturday, August 10th.

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